

## Letter to the Editor

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# The 'Olympic Studies Forum 2017: Rio to Tokyo - New Opportunities and Research'

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While the Olympic Games happen, while sitting in the stands or in front of the tally ... we always expect the best of athletes, however, we rarely set on the idea that the event carries, in itself, the legacy-building potential in different fronts.

The 'Olympic Studies Forum 2017: Rio to Tokyo - New Opportunities and Research', through the meeting of researchers from the Olympic area, managers and characters of the different sectors involved in the realization of Rio 2016 Games, promoted the debate on existing and potential legacies, tangible and intangible legacies of the Brazilian Edition of the mega event idealized by Coubertin.

The event, fruit of the partnership between the Brazilian Pierre de Coubertin Committee and the Santa Úrsula University, had as organizers Ana Miragaya (Selection Committee of Olympic Studies Centre of the International Olympic Committee - Estácio de Sá University), Carlos Henrique Ribeiro (North American Society for the Sociology of Sport – Santa Úrsula University), Lamartine DaCosta (member of honor of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee - State University of Rio de Janeiro) and Nelson Todt (Brazilian Committee Pierre de Coubertin – Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul).

In the wake of the events held in the Olympic year of 2016 in Brazil, among them the Second International Colloquium of Olympic Studies and Research Centres (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul) and the 2nd International Seminar Pierre de Coubertin (Santa Úrsula University), the event represents the traditional Olympic Forums resumption (the events' original name) and marks a unprecedented phase of



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Brazil, establishing a calendar for academic celebrations as of the first anniversary of achievement of the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, setting the next Olympic Studies Forums to be held in August, 2018 in Vitória, Espírito Santo, and in 2019, in Aracaju, Sergipe.

Besides the main tables, attended by notable personalities from the point of view of management and study of the Olympic legacy, the event made room for presentations of research papers and experience reports, through themes, which from another perspective, are aligned with the interests of the 2020 Agenda.

The event brought together 139 authors of 36 educational institutions, both national and international, and to compose the 'Rio 2016 Olympic Games First Anniversary Special Edition of the Journal of Human Sport and Exercise' were selected 12 works of who, since a condition privileged accompanied, experienced and/or contributed to the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic. The authors descant on different topics that converge towards a better future for the Olympic movement, in order to pursue one of the basic ideas of Olympism: "break down the walls to let air and light for everyone". The articles posted here about topics that include Olympic Education, Olympic Legacies, Sports Management, Technology, Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, among others.

The Olympism says thanks to it, because the realization of this event enables its participants, and those who will now appreciate the reading of this articles, a better understanding and the ability to assess, judge and discern with balance the thinking connected to the future of the Olympic movement. These capabilities sports managers and researchers, and in particular, in those who bear the responsibility to continue (or redeem) the legacy of Coubertin.

My most sincere Olympic greetings to the authors and wishing you all a good reading.

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